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Re: Docket number (CN-01-002), 66 FR 16440, March 26, 2001

Dear Ms. Rick,

As a grower in California, who derives most of my income from the production of cotton, I would like to express my approval of the Cotton Research and Promotion Act. This is a program that has proven itself to be very effective and has increased the consumption of cotton fiber. There is widespread support for this program and I don't believe that a referendum vote is needed at this time.

I don't need to tell you that these are tough times in Agriculture. Our need for more research and promotion has never been more necessary than it is today.

I believe that you and the AMS are doing an excellent job of supervising this program and I hope it continues for years to come.

Sincerely,

Norman Clark

